(b) the actual increase made in budget allocation on the schemes considering the effect of price rise and the value of money in real term and above all increase in population in five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) The budget allocations are not done on per capita basis. However, the per capita budgetary allocations as derived from the budgetary allocations in 2003-04 and 2008-09 on Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Mid-day Meal Scheme, Integrated Child Development Scheme and Rural Employment Schemes based on population figures of Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) for the year 2003-04 and population projections of Registrar General of India for 2008 and the percentage increase in 2008-09 over 2003-04 in real terms is calculated as follows:

Name of the Scheme	2003-2004		2008-2009		Percentage
	B E (Rs. crore)	Per Capita allocations	B E (Rs. crore)	Per Capita allocations	increase in 2008-09 over 2003-04 in real terms
(i) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan	1951	18.20	13100	114.11	427.28
(ii) Mid-day-Meal	1175	10.96	8000	69.69	434.70
(iii) Integrated Child Development Scheme	2361	22.02	6300	54.88	109.58
(iv) Rural Employment	4986	46.51	16000	139.37	151.98

Nationalized banks in rural areas

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SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that expansion of nationalized banks is more in urban areas than in rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the number of branches of nationalized banks in rural and urban areas, separately during the current year; and

(c) the Government's plan for expansion of banking system during current year and the percentage expansion thereof in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) With the demographic shift in population from rural to urban areas and re-classification of rural and urban areas in the population census, the number of nationalised bank branches in urban areas have grown faster than in rural areas. As on 30th September, 2008, out of total 39239 bank branches of nationalized banks, 13222 are in rural areas, 8278 are in semi-urban areas, 8989 are in urban areas and 8750 are in metropolitan areas.

(c) The Annual Branch Expansion Plan is formulated by the banks themselves and submitted to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for authorisation under Section 23 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

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